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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request for Records Associated with the Expert Meeting on Revising U.S. EPA's Guidelines for Deriving Aquatic Life Criteria

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a request for a public records pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. Section 552, as implemented by the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") at 40 C.F.R. Part 2. For purposes of this request, the definition of "records" includes, but is not limited to, documents, letters, memoranda, notes, reports, e-mail messages (including e-mails to and from personal e-mail accounts), minutes, handouts, policy statements, data, technical evaluations or analysis, and studies.

Background

USEPA announced an invitation for experts to present at the Expert Meeting on Revising U.S. EPA's Guidelines for Deriving Aquatic Life Criteria on September 14-16, 2015 in Arlington, VA. Experts were invited to submit abstracts for relevant presentations by July 3, 2015. According to EPA's website, the purpose of the meeting is:

[...] to gather information regarding the state of the science for ecological risk assessment as it pertains to revising the 1985 Guidelines (Guidelines for Deriving Numerical National Water Quality Criteria for the Protection of Aquatic Organisms and Their Uses, Stephan et al. 1985) used to derive National Ambient Water Quality Criteria for the protection of aquatic life. EPA will consider information presented regarding new and alternative methods for deriving aquatic

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life criteria to inform revision of EPA's existing guidance using the newest, most appropriate science available.

Request

This request is for records at EPA Headquarters related to the Expert Meeting on Revising U.S. EPA's Guidelines for Deriving Aquatic Life Criteria, concerning:

- 1) Abstracts received by USEPA for this meeting;
- 2) Correspondence regarding this meeting between USEPA and industry groups and organizations including, but not limited to, Water Environment Federation (WEF) and National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA).

Please duplicate the records that are responsive to this request and send it to the undersigned at the above address. If the requested record is withheld based upon any asserted privilege, please identify the basis for the non-disclosure.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact this office so as to ensure that only the necessary document is duplicated.

Respectfully,

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